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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SOBER THROUGH SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, CENTO

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING

(S/S NO. 7608972 )

REF: LONDON 6443

1. THE BRITISH ARE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LONDON ON MAY 26-27 DESPITE A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT NEITHER CAGLAYANGIL (TURKEY) NOR AZIZ AHMED (PAKISTAN) WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND ON THOSE DATES. (WE ASSUME THAT CROSLAND (UK) AND KHALATBARY (IRAN) PLAN TO BE PRESENT.)

2. THE MAY 26-27 DATES ARE ALREADY ON YOUR SCHEDULE, AND ARE CONVENIENT IN THAT THEY ARE TIED IN WITH YOUR MAY TRIP TO EUROPE FOR OTHER PURPOSES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT SEEMS

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TO US THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH YOUR TIME TO ATTEND

THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF TWO KEY REGIONAL MINISTERS. ONE ALTERNATIVE IS TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER SEVENTH FLOOR PRINCIPAL TO REPRESENT THE U.S. IN LONDON ON MAY 26-27. ANOTHER IS TO SUGGEST TO HMG THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO RESCHEDULE THE MINISTERIAL FOR OTHER DATES ON WHICH ALL THE CENTO MINISTERS COULD BE

PRESENT, NOTING THAT ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SEEN AS DOWNGRADING THE ALLIANCE.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO APPROACH THE BRITISH WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY SEEK TO RESCHEDULE THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DATES CONVENIENT TO THE MINISTERS FROM THE VARIOUS CENTO COUNTRIES, IN THE EVENT THE TURKISH AND PAKISTANI MINISTERS CANNOT ATTEND ON MAY 26-27.

APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE.....

ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PLAN TO ATTEND THE MAY 26-27 CENTO MEETING AS NOW SCHEDULED DESPITE THE POSSIBLE ABSENCE OF THE TURKISH AND PAKISTANI MINISTERS.

APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE.....

ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU DESIGNATE UNDER SECRETARY SISCO TO ATTEND IN YOUR PLACE ON MAY 26-27 IN THE EVENT THE TURKISH AND PAKISTANI MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PRESENT.

APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE..... OTHER.....

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